

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

POSITION #: 2012-05-CAFD
ANNOUNCED: March 1, 2012
CLOSES: March 23, 2012

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in its Capital Habeas Unit (CHU). The CHU represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. This is a full-time position located in Pittsburgh.

Applicants must be team-oriented and have at least **three** years relevant experience and be able immediately to undertake the representation of petitioners in capital habeas cases in federal court from the initial petition through appeal and clemency, if necessary. The successful applicant must possess a strong writing ability, a demonstrated commitment to poverty law or indigent criminal defense, and litigation experience in at least one of the following areas: criminal law, especially in capital cases; habeas corpus litigation; and complex federal court civil litigation. Capital post-conviction experience preferred. A background in any area of mental health and/or social work is also helpful. This position requires occasional travel.

Applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar and must be eligible for immediate admission to the bars of the Western District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. Assistant defenders may not engage in the private practice of law. The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check. The position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) for payment of net pay. **Hiring is based on availability of funding.**

Salary will be based on years of experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and writing sample, postmarked by the closing date, to:

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